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MOBILE TOWERS IN CANTONMENT AREAS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is poor reception of cellular phones in the cantonment areas due to absence of mobile towers;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith proposal,if any,to install mobile towers in the said areas to improve the working of cellular phones;and

(c) the security aspects considered in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): With a view to improve the coverage and quality of the communication services in the Cantonment areas, policy guidelines relating to provision of Defence land to Communication Operators to construct Shared Communication Towers and other Infrastructure to extend Communication Network to Cantonments have been issued by the Ministry of Defence. It has been decided that the Public Sector and Independent Infrastructure Providers (IP-I), who have been granted licence by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to build, operate & maintain various services, such as Unified Access Services, Basic Services & Cellular Mobile Services, etc, may be considered for allotment of Defence land on lease hold basis, to lay the Optical Fibre Cables and set up/construct shared communication towers on Defence land at cantonment areas on certain terms and conditions.Government have also duly considered security aspects while formulating policy guidelines.